

To: FACS Teachers

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Concerning: "FACS-Beginning of the Year-2009/2010"

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A new school year is beginning! The FACS state staff hopes that your 2009-2010 school year will be one of the best ever. We know that many of you attended trainings during the summer to help keep your program up-to-date. "Thank You" for helping to make these trainings successful. We also hope that you took some time to be with your family, relax, and have some fun.

This email is being sent to give you some up-to-date information concerning Family and Consumer Sciences:

- **Teacher Information System (TIS)** is now open and will remain open until September 11th. Please be sure to complete/update before the deadline. If you have forgotten your password you may contact our office for assistance. For new teachers or teachers who change schools/districts please contact our office for the generic password and user name.
- **FACS Webpage:** The FACS page on the state website is now available for you to download information to place in your FACS binder. For those not attending FACS Conference, the traditional FACS information packet was **not** distributed this year but can now be downloaded from the state website. Please go to <http://ace.arkansas.gov/FACS/FACSindex.htm> to download and then replace the old material in your binder with the new information. **Continue to check back to this webpage on a regular basis to keep your binder up-to-date.**
- **Mail out:** Be watching for a mail out from our office in the next few days—It will include a cover and spine for your informational binder as well as other items (ex—in-service hour memo, new FCCLA Handbook if you did not receive this at FACS Conference or Adviser Academy, Draft Framework CD, etc.)
- **Draft Framework CD:** If you received the CD (Draft frameworks) at FACS conference please note--Child Development Framework, Unit 6 is not selected to print correctly. It is viewable on the CD, however, if you choose to print the framework, please do the following.
 1. Highlight all of Unit 6
 2. Select the "Page Layout" tab at the top of your screen
 3. Select "Print Area" in the Page Setup section

4. Click on "Set Print Area" (This will allow you to print the entire framework without missing that page. If you should have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our office; If you find errors in the draft frameworks please let us know in order to make changes before they go on the website; We will let you know by email when the frameworks are on the website).
- **FCCLA**: The FCCLA affiliation process will be an online affiliation beginning this year (see comments from Michael Benjamin, National Executive Director in the August 2009 E-Adviser. If you haven't signed up to get the E-Adviser please go to the national website and sign up. Watch for emails from the state officers concerning a state t-shirt. Continue to check the state website for the new FCCLA page (currently under construction).
- **Textbook Adoption**: This is the year to review and decide on textbooks for FACS. The committee has been selected and is working on the adoption list. You will be receiving information at a later date about the adoption and the book caravan.
- **Competency Testing**: Please remember about Competency Testing. Go to the WEtest site to get registration dates, dates for testing and a list of courses to be tested this school year.

"When you get into a tight place and everything goes against you till it seems as though you could not hold on one minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn." -Harriet Beecher Stowe